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WHAT THE HELL??

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS--I GAVE NO ORDER TO FIRE!
OOPS.

IF YOU PUT ME IN CHARGE OF A GUN, I'M GOING TO SHOOT WHEN I SEE THE BAD GUYS.
THAT'S NOT THE WAY I DO THINGS.

ANGELA--YOU WERE OUT OF LINE.
HEY! WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO HEAR ERIN ANSWER THAT, I THINK WE'VE GOT OTHER PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW...

THE TREES! THEY'VE COME TO LIFE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOGS WAITING FOR? CRANK THIS THING AROUND!!
FIRE!
BWAM!
KA-KRAK
WE'RE SURROUNDED-- BREAK RANKS AND SKIRMISH!!

BLAM!
ERIN!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M A BIG GIRL, BARON WASTELAND--I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.
SHE'S A BIG GIRL ALL RIGHT--AND IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES!
ENOUGH OF YOUR FOUL MOUTH, GNAT.
HEY--CUT ME LOOSE AND I'M PAST TENSE.
RATS--PANICKING MY HORSE. HOW CAN WE FIGHT AN ARMY OF VERMIN?
YOU CAN'T, B.W.!! THAT'S WHY YOU NEED ME!

I CRACKED OUT OF DAHLGREN'S TOWER! I KNOW THE TERRITORY!
CUT ME LOOSE, AND I'LL SNEAK BACK INTO THE CASTLE!
I DO NOT TRUST YOU, GNAT--
--BUT IT IS INHUMANE TO KEEP YOU SHACKLED TO MY SADDLE, WHEN I COULD FALL TO THE ENEMY AT ANY TIME.
VERY WELL...I SET YOU FREE.
KLANG!
BUT REMEMBER I COULD AS EASILY HAVE SPLIT YOUR POINTED HEAD AS YOUR CHAINS.
BOING!
HA HA HA HA
SO LONG, SUCKER!

NOW TO GET MYSELF OUTTA HERE.
THAT GUY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A WARRIOR--GUESS THE BLOOD'S RUN A LITTLE THIN FOR WASTELAND'S WARRIOR ELITE.
JEEZE. A GUY COULD GET HURT AROUND HERE.
HEY--IT'S THAT FISH-HEAD GUY.
SMALL WORLD.
THAT GUY FIGHTS LIKE A FISH OUT OF WATER.
GOTTA GIVE HIM CREDIT FOR A LOT OF FURY, THOUGH. DIDN'T THINK HE HAD IT IN HIM.

DAD?
HUH?
DUFF? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I WAS BAD.
DAD TOLD ME NOT TO FOLLOW THE ARMY, BUT I DID.
ONE OF THE MONSTERS BIT MY LEG.
DAD SAYS IT'S BROKEN.
UH... YEAH.
IT'S A LOT WORSE THAN BROKEN. DUFF'S A PRETTY TOUGH KID.
WELL... TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, KID.
DID YOU SEE MY DAD OUT THERE? HE WAS GOING FOR HELP.
UH... NO. HE MUST HAVE GONE ALREADY.

NO WAY, GNAT. DON'T EVEN THINK IT.
LIFE IS HARD AND THEN YOU DIE.
PIFF!
STUPID STUPID STUPID!
STUPID STUPID STUPID!

KRAK
STUPID STUPID STUPID!
OOOOHH I HATE MYSELF!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
NO! I AM NOT ALL RIGHT!!
I'M NOT ALL RIGHT, BECAUSE I JUST DID THE RIGHT THING!
I HATE TO DO THE RIGHT THING: IT'S SO MUNDANE.
AND WHAT'S WORSE, I'M GOING TO DO THE RIGHT THING AGAIN.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DON'T ASK. JUST GO STAY BY YOUR BOY, AND WAIT TIL THE FIGHTING STOPS
AND NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS-- DON'T BREATHE A WORD OF THIS TO ANYONE!
I'VE GOT A REPUTATION TO PROTECT!

HOW DID I TALK MYSELF INTO THIS ?
POW!
SMASH!
NOT SO FAST, WEED HEAD!
WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR A GUN.
NO SENSE BEATING AROUND THE BUSH-- THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL!
WOW! ARE YOU A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, BLU? THAT MONSTER NEARLY FINISHED YOU.
AWW--IT'S THIS SILLY WEAPON OF MINE...
. IT LOOKED LIKE IT WOULD BE FUN, BUT IT'S ALL WIGGLY. I MISS MY GUN.
LET ME SEE THAT--
IT SEEMS TERRIBLY CRUDE...
POK!
POK!
POK!
IT'S ALL IN THE WRIST.
KEEP YOUR WEAPON, LOVE. IT'S NOT MY STYLE.
GRUMBLE

I WAS BEGINNING TO WORRY ABOUT YOU TWO--THERE SEEMS NO END TO THESE TREE MONSTERS.
YEAH, WELL...VIKKI'S A REGULAR WEED WACKER.

IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.
POW!
AT LEAST ANGELA IS HOLDING HER OWN.

"SHE'S REALLY IN HER ELEMENT. UNLIMITED FIREPOWER AND LOTS OF TARGETS.
POW!
"NOT THE ANGIE WE USED TO KNOW. THAT'S FOR SURE."

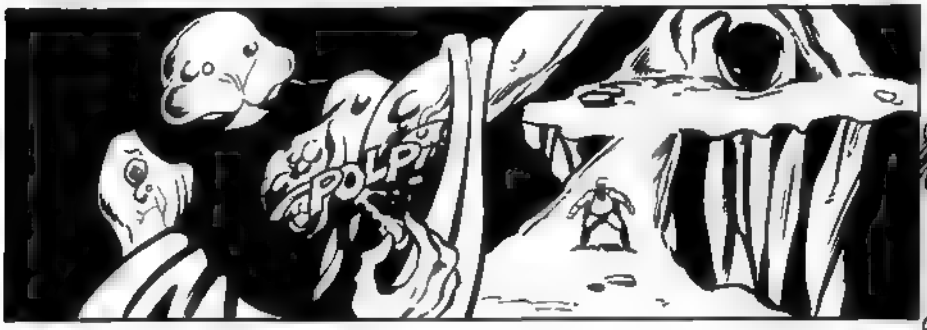
BUT EVENTUALLY SHE'LL RUN OUT OF SHELLS--IT'S TIME WE TOOK THE INITIATIVE
OH BOY! THE GLORY OF BATTLE!

RIGHT, GLORY.

HEAD FOR THE TOWER!
YES--HEAD FOR THE TOWER. HEAD TO YOUR DOOM.
HOME SWEET DUNGEON... I'D FORGOTTEN HOW MUCH I DIDN'T MISS THIS PLACE.
--BUT HOW MUCH MORE STYLISH TO CRUSH THESE CHILDREN WITH THE HAND OF THEIR FATHER!
WITH BOTH SIMAK AND DAHLGREN FELLED BY MY HAND, DESTROYING THE EX-MUTANTS WOULD BE CHILD'S PLAY--
MELL-O-DRA-MA-TIC!
MY ONLY RESERVATION IS WITH THE FATHER HIMSELF--
HE SEEMS DISTRACTED LATELY, AND I FEAR HE HAS NO CONCEPT OF THE SACRIFICE I MAKE TO RETURN HIM TO THIS PITIFUL PLANET

AH, THE SACRIFICES I MAKE FOR MY ART...

LEAPIN' LIZARDS, DAHLGREN!


POLP!

LAY OFF THE RICH FOODS, WILL YA?

UUUNNGH

BAD ENOUGH HE PICKS HIS ARMPITS, BUT NOW HE'S GOTTA PLAY WITH IT...
NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING. WHEN I LIVED HERE, I COULDN'T EVEN COOK IN MY ROOM!

STEP FROM THE SHADOWS, LITTLE MAN. YOU SET UP A FRIGHTFUL RACKET WITH YOUR LOUD THOUGHTS.
MY JOB...?
WHY HAVE YOU RETURNED? YOUR JOB IS DONE.
OF COURSE. I LET YOU OVERHEAR TALES OF SIMAK'S WEALTH, THEN PERMITTED YOU TO ESCAPE MY TOWER, KNOWING YOU'D HEAD DIRECTLY FOR THE SAMORAN.*
YOU DID A SUPERLATIVE JOB--
*SEE EX-MUTANTS #5
--OF TRANSMITTING THE DISEASE WHICH INFECTED SIMAK AND MAGUS.
DUH DUH DUH... DISEASE?!
RISE HIGH, SMOKE. REACH OUT, FRUIT OF MY SACRIFICE.
OF COURSE--OR DID YOU REALLY THINK A BODY SUCH AS THIS COMES FROM TOO MUCH "RICH FOOD"?

GAHYAH YAH YAH!
YOU SHOULD HAVE WORN SOME SUN SCREEN, MAN!

FLEE, LITTLE IDIOT! I HAVE WORK TO DO.

NOW...OPEN TO ME RIFTS, RECOGNIZE THE SACRIFICE OF MY FLESH--

--BY THE BOND OF BLOOD, LET FALL AWAY THE BARRIERS--

--BETWEEN THIS WORLD AND THE NEXT!

JUST A SEC, DAHLGREN. BE RIGHT WITH YA!

I'VE NEVER BEEN SO EMBARRASSED IN MY LIFE!
TAKE IT EASY, FATHER

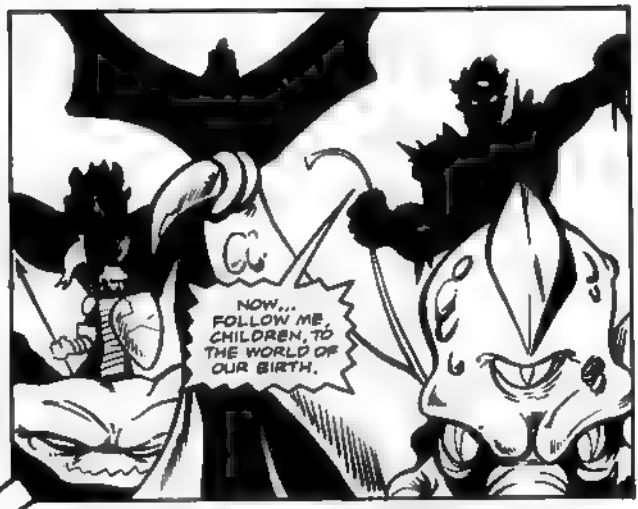
TAKE IT EASY? TAKE IT EASY?!
I'M ALL SET TO CONQUER THE WORLD, AND YOU TELL ME TO TAKE IT EASY?

FATHER, PLEASE-- I'M SURE HELENE WILL BE ALONG ANY MOMENT.
GIGGLE
SHE'S PROBABLY HAVING A HARD TIME PULLING HERSELF TOGETHER. YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT TAKES TO PUT ON HER FACE IN THE MORNING...

SNICKER
IF YOU THINK JOKING ABOUT POOR HELENE'S NOSE IS FUNNY, YOUNG LADY, THEN I--

--AYAGGGH!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
OHHH--YOU KIDS GIVE ME A PAIN. I THINK I HAVE AN ULCER.

NO MATTER... THE HOUR OF DESTINY IS AT HAND.
IF HELENE DOESN'T WANT TO BE HERE TO SHARE MY TRIUMPH, THEN THAT'S HER PROBLEM. SHE WAS STARTING TO SMELL FUNNY ANYWAY.


NOW... FOLLOW ME, CHILDREN, TO THE WORLD OF OUR BIRTH.

THUS BEGINS THE--
WHOA! WAIT A MINUTE.

WHAT'S WITH THIS PORTAL IN THE MIDDLE OF NOTHING? I'VE GOT AN ARMY COMING BEHIND ME!
YOU TOLD ME YOUR ARMY COULD FLY.
NO! I SAID SOME OF THEM COULD FLY

WELL, I'VE GOT LOTS OF MONSTERS. EVENTUALLY THEY'LL FILL UP THE CAVERN AND THE OTHERS CAN WALK ACROSS.
THE CAVERN HAS NO BOTTOM.
OH.

OKAY-- NOW WHAT?
WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO BREACH THE GATES. IF ONLY THE BARON WAS HERE, WE COULD USE HIS SIEGE EQUIPMENT--

THE BARON--AGAIN WITH THE BARON! YOU'RE LEANING ON HIM PRETTY HEAVY THESE DAYS, AREN'T YOU?
IN CASE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN, IT WAS THE BARON WHO NEARLY KILLED ANGELA, AND PRACTICALLY SHANGHAIED US INTO THIS WAR!
FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I HAD AS MUCH A HAND IN ORGANIZING THIS CAMPAIGN AS THE BARON. WE WERE UP ALL NIGHT GOING OVER THE PLANS.

I BET YOU WERE!
YOU'RE OUT OF LINE, MISTER.
HEY--I'M NOT THE ONE SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY!

I AM NOT SLEEPING WITH THE BARON--AND EVEN IF I WAS, IT WOULD BE NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
SOK!

YOU DON'T OWN ME, BELUSHI!
IN CASE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN, OUR RELATIONSHIP GOES BOTH WAYS. YOU LIKED IT WELL ENOUGH WHEN YOU HAD US ALL TO YOURSELF...
...NOW THAT IT MIGHT BE YOUR TURN TO SHARE, WELL--
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF GROWING UP TO DO.

I GUESS HE HAD IT COMING-- BUT YOU KNOW IT'S ONLY BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU, ERIN.
OF COURSE HE DOES--AND I LOVE HIM TOO, EVEN WHEN I HATE HIM. BUT NO MATTER WHAT HE THINKS, HE'S NOT THE ONLY MAN ON EARTH.

SO FAR AS HE'S CONCERNED, HE IS THE ONLY MAN ON EARTH. HE'S NEVER HAD TO DEAL WITH THE FLIP-SIDE OF OUR AGREEMENT--
SNAP!
OH!

HOWAREYA BABES!?
ONLY IF YOU DO ME A FAVOR, MUFFIN HEAD.
GNAT! OPEN THE GATES!

GNAT, YOU FILTHY BEAST. OPEN THESE GATES OR I'LL--
EASY, ERIN. I'LL GRANT HIS FAVOR, WHATEVER IT IS.
OH BOY!!

CREEEK
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
HOW BAD COULD IT BE? BESIDES, I STILL THINK HE'S KIND OF CUTE.

THIS BETTER NOT BE A TRAP, GNAT.
I'M ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS, REMEMBER?
I DOUBT IT.

WHAT'S THAT?
MORE MONSTERS.
NO--LOOK! THAT THING IN THE MIDDLE--

IT'S DOCTOR GUGAT!!

HOW ARE DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS?

DON'T JUST STAND THERE-- ATTACK!!

KLUD!
STILL THE IMPETUOUS ONE, I SEE.
SOME PEOPLE NEVER LEARN.
AAAAAAAH!
SO THESE ARE OUR MUCH-VAUNTED SIBLINGS.
THE BLONDE ONE IS VERY PRETTY--
SIBLINGS?
SHE REMINDS ME OF MY DARLING HELENE!!

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE--
I THINK NOT.
SWISH!
BUT THE EX-MUTANTS ARE MORE THAN YOUR MATCH!!

YOUR GENETIC ADVANTAGE IS MY BIRTHRIGHT, AS WELL.

TRUST ME, ERIN.

ALL SECURE HERE, FATHER!
POW!

EXCELLENT. I AM ALMOST DISAPPOINTED WITH THE EASE WITH WHICH YOU CONQUERED THE EX-MUTANTS
I CAN SEE NOW THEIR DESIGN WAS NOT NEARLY SO PERFECT AS I SURMISED--

PERHAPS IT IS TIME TO REMODEL THEM

MEANWHILE...
DOCTOR! COME QUICK!

WHAT IS IT, NURSE?

IT'S THE ALIEN SORCERER--HE CRIED OUT, THEN LAY STILL.

LET ME SEE--

WHATEVER HE WAS CALLING FOR, IT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW--

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